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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: Project COINS

1. In order to determine the feasibility of implementing Phase I of this project by 1 December 1966, it was mutually agreed between the participating agencies that a site survey of existing area facilities of the participants was a prerequisite.

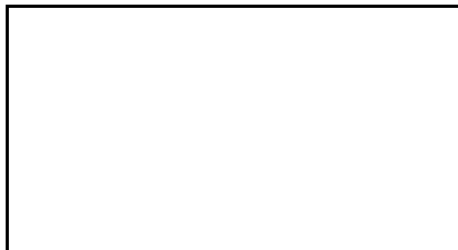
2. This survey was conducted in accordance with the following schedule:

1 June 1966 1000 - DIA
1300 - STATE

2 June 1966 1000 - NPIC
1300 - CIA

3 June 1966 NSA

3. The team of Computer/Communications engineers and planners from NSA/DIA consisted of the following representatives:



DIA
DIA
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NSA
NSA
NSA

4. The specific individuals contacted at the various sites were as follows:

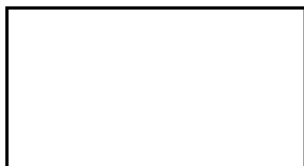
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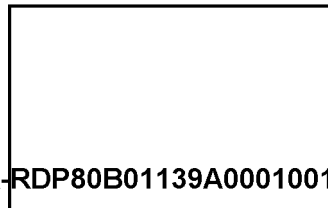
STATE

Mr. John Pruden
Mr. Tom McCay
Mr. K. R. Folkerth
Mr. J. W. Hulbert
Mr. G. R. Younts

NPIC



CIA



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5. The visit to each site was aimed at ascertaining the availability of the requisite equipment and space, plus what related action had to be undertaken by each participant to resolve any problems associated with obtaining full operational capability by 1 December 1966.

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14. CIA hopes to make the 1 December deadline at Langley. It was evident, however, that the supporting hardware and software necessary to implement the COINS operational capability at CIA would probably not be available until sometime after 1 January 1967. Specific queries by the NSA representatives to ascertain how soon after 1 January 1967 received replies reflecting that an operational capability at CIA might not materialize until sometime after the First Quarter calendar year 67.

15. It was generally agreed that the materialization of the circuit switching capability being investigated by CIA might provide the breathing room to plan expansion of the COINS System.

16. The CIA representatives requested to visit NSA sometime in the immediate future to view the TIPS progress to date and how NSA had resolved the problems of subordinating remote out-stations to a centralized computer configuration, and the supporting communications involved. It was agreed among the NSA representatives that the NSA representative would act as the focal point for coordinating the visit of the CIA representatives.

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17. Particular concern was expressed by some of the CIA representatives regarding the procedures and formats necessary to facilitate the switching of data between the various agencies. The NSA representatives advised that a separate committee had been convened specifically for this purpose and that they would be coordinating their efforts with their communications counterparts at their respective agencies.

18. A diagram of the communication equipment required showing its availability and source is attached. All transfers of equipment will be effective by 1 October 1966.

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